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Deschutes County Historical Society Newsletter—August 2018

Bend High School Alumni Picnic and Louie Louie Revival Coming Up August 3 & 4

Get ready to boogie at the Louie Louie Revival at Beaver Coaches on Friday, August 3 from 5 pm to 10 pm. Join The Soul Searchers for live music and special guest performances of Louie Louie. Beer garden, food trucks and a dinner to support local veterans will be available. Beaver Coaches is located at 62955 Boyd Acres Rd.

Then, all Bend High School Alumni are invited to a meet and greet picnic lunch on the lawn of the Deschutes Historical Museum on Saturday, August 4 from 11 am to 2 pm. Bring your own lunch and drink. Bend High School Alumni can meet, mingle and share stories in between the Flashback Cruz Show and Shine and the Saturday night downtown cruise and street dance. Let’s go, Lava Bears!

The Deschutes Pioneers Association Annual Picnic took place at the Deschutes Historical Museum Saturday, July 21. Pioneer Queen Harriet Langmas proved a formidable competitor in the water balloon toss game, coming in second to Marcie Newton and Susie Ellingson.

Odd Fellows Cabins at Paulina Lake get TLC

Stabilization work on the historic cabins, thanks to Oregon Heritage Grant.

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DCHS Says Good-Bye to Nate Pedersen

Former DCHS Board President and DPLS Community Librarian moves to Idaho.

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Pioneer Queen Harriet Langmas competing in the water balloon toss competition.
Bend’s Downtown Drug Stores

I was excited to read in last month’s Homesteader that the Deschutes Historical Museum has been awarded an Oregon Museum Grant as well as a Bend Cultural Tourism Grant to fund the Cruisin’ 97 exhibit that will open next March. For those of us who lived in Bend during the time that Highway 97 ran right down Wall Street before turning left on Franklin, this will bring back a lot of memories. We can talk about the stores that used to be here and the fact Wall and Bond used to be two-way streets.

Thinking about those days led me to think about drug stores. Yes, we used to have a lot of pharmacies right downtown, and they all seemed to be successful. Walking uptown from the old post office, Economy Drug Store was on the corner of Wall and Franklin. It was the smallest one, long and narrow, just like the current business that now resides there. Another block up on the opposite side of the street was The Owl Pharmacy owned by the Craig Coyner family. It was a friendly place that allowed for charge accounts. If you couldn’t afford your prescription that week, you could charge it, and not with a credit card like today. No, they would write up your charges on a receipt with a carbon copy.

Back across Wall Street, there were two more pharmacies: City Drug and Bend Rexall Drug. The Cruickshank family owned City Drug, and one thing I remember about going in there is that it was the first store in town to carry a line of “Contemporary Cards.” My friends and I would go in there just to read the funny cards. I suppose that until then we just had cards of the Hallmark variety. Rexall Drug was owned by the Young family whose son was just a grade ahead of me. Bend was still a small town, and people were connected to each other.

Brandis’ Thriftway Drug, located on the east side of Wall Street, was the largest of the drug stores. Aside from drugs and basic health items, they also carried household goods. I still own a set of mixing bowls that came from there in 1963! As I recall, Mr. Brandis also owned the Economy Drug at the other end of Wall. On Sundays, the stores downtown were all closed, but the drug stores took turns being open. Your family probably had a favorite one, but if it was closed on Sunday, you could always find one drug store that was open.

The oldest pharmacy in Bend, built in 1916, was Magill’s Drug. It was one block off of Wall on Oregon Street. Mr. Magill built his drugstore on the bottom floor of the O’Kane Building, and it was the oldest business in downtown Bend to remain in its original location. It was the last of the downtown pharmacies to close. Now all of them are in the shopping centers or grocery stores in the outlying area. The faces behind the drug counters seem to change every time I go in to refill a prescription. Downtown drug stores are from a bygone era, and I miss the friendly people who knew me and my family at those local stores.

- Sue Fountain
HistoriCorps Completes Second Season at Oddfellows Cabins

For a second year in a row, Oregon Heritage awarded DCHS with a Preserving Oregon grant to fund preservation work at the Oddfellows Cabins at Paulina Lake. The partnership between the Deschutes National Forest, DCHS, and HistoriCorps has resulted in over $50,000 in grant dollars invested in the stabilization efforts to restore the National Register listed cabins. This year’s Preserving Oregon Grant of $5,237 was added to Deschutes-Ochoco Resource Advisory Committee Title II funding to complete a second season of work.

For two weeks this July, HistoriCorps led work replacing sill logs at the base of Cabins 4, 3, and 2. Originally scheduled to only work on Cabins 4 and 3, this season’s work went so smoothly that additional sill work was completed on Cabin 2. The HistoriCorps team also regraded, by hand, the area around the cabins for improved drainage, a major factor in the deterioration of the original sill logs. Finally, windows were removed and re-glazed, with replacement of broken panes.

Volunteers from around the country sign up to work for HistoriCorps during the summer, and this year 23 volunteers put in 1,183 hours on this project. Not only does their work provide valuable preservation, it is a chance for people from around the country to learn about our area’s history.

More work remains to be done before the cabins can return to making memories along the shores of Paulina Lake, but thanks to HistoriCorps one can already feel these unique cabins returning to life. DCHS will continue to hunt grant dollars, volunteer support, and donors to keep this great partnership going. We hope to see HistoriCorps back again next summer.

-Kelly Cannon-Miller

Redesigned displays showcase a fresh selection of books, toys, and more!

Complete with music and improved lighting, the museum store offers a welcoming shopping experience for our visitors. Come check it out!
Nate Pedersen Hired Away by Meridian Public Library

Back in fall 2012, the DCHS board of directors successfully recruited Community Librarian Nate Pedersen of the Deschutes Public Library System as a board member. The board tried to recruit a new board member from the library for years—someone who could strengthen our partnership with the library and help with the society’s own library collection needs. Nate’s service as a board member, like many things at the historical society, came just when we needed his skill set the most. He fell into the job of board president at an unfortunate time, as DCHS President Bruce White was diagnosed with cancer. Nate’s creativity and enthusiasm for history, coupled with the library’s support by viewing his board service as part of his job as a community librarian, energized the board and staff when it was most needed.

Under his leadership, DCHS found new partners and a new voice in the community. He was teased mercilessly for appearing on the front page of the Bulletin on his last day at work as a Community Librarian for yet another front-page history article that he had encouraged the paper to write, this time about Rev. Mitchell’s missing collection. DCHS won our first (it won’t be our last!) Oregon Heritage Excellence Award for the 15 Minute History project with the library, an idea entirely conceived of by Nate. He dressed in costume for a historic fashion show, became a regular speaker on the McMenamins History Pub circuit, and found what was left of Klondike Kate’s rock collection, leading to our first public history art project with the Charlene Blahnik Memorial Sculpture currently in production. The list of accomplishments is long and newsletter space short.

Meridian Public Library outside Boise, Idaho is elevating Nate’s game once more, hiring him to be a Branch Manager, a job he will take up this August. He will remain on the board through the end of the year, participating electronically, and he’ll return this fall to present October’s History Pub on the history of the Ouija Board. The DCHS Board of Directors and staff wish him well on his new adventures in Idaho.

—Kelly Cannon-Miller

We’re Gnome-Ward Bound For “The Little Woody!”

Wait...was that a gnome? Did a gnome just run across the lawn? It did! It’s time for The Little Woody - Aged Beer, Cider, and Whisky Festival, held every Labor Day at the Deschutes Historical Museum. What better way to end the summer than sampling aged ale prepared in wooden barrels, while strolling the grounds of the historic Reid School building in the company of attendees dressed as gnomes?

Started in 2009, this annual event has grown into one of the area’s most popular festivals. Brewers from around the region come to the event, concocting special libations using historic techniques of wooden barrel aging. The results is small batch brewing only available for sampling at The Little Woody.

There is a long history of fermentation of beer and stronger spirits in the high desert of Central Oregon, dating back to the late nineteenth century. This makes the setting of the Deschutes Historical Museum a perfect match and the event has become one of the Museum’s main fundraisers. “This is one of the favorite events at the museum, and the first one I ever worked as a volunteer for DCHS, it’s pretty low key. I look forward to it every year! Lay It Out Events, the event organizers, are brilliant to work with, and it’s fun seeing all the people, many of whom have never been to the museum before,” raved Museum Manager Vanessa Ivey.

The Little Woody happens Friday, August 31 5p.m.- 10p.m. and Saturday, September 1 Noon-10p.m. (Open to children noon-6p.m.). To volunteer for the Deschutes Historical Museum at this event contact Vanessa Ivey, by email: vanessa@deschuteshistory.com. To learn more about The Little Woody and how to purchase tickets visit thelittlewoody.com.

Three Generations of Gnomes attend the 2017 “Little Woody”
Dorothy Stenkamp

February 9, 1926 - June 22, 2018

Dorothy Stenkamp was born February 9, 1926, on the family farm outside of Echo, Oregon, to Phoebe and Gaylord Madison. She graduated from Echo High School in 1944 and went to work at the Umatilla Army Depot to support the war effort. After World War Two, she enrolled at OSU, graduating in 1950 with a degree in food science and home economics. She moved to Bend after graduation and began teaching at Bend High School. She was one of the first instructors at Bend Community College, which later became Central Oregon Community College.

Dorothy married John Stenkamp in August of 1953 and moved to Yakima, Washington, where she taught at Yakima Community College and Franklin Junior High. She also had a weekly television show featuring her cooking and sewing skills.

Moving back to Bend in 1960, she resumed teaching at Cascade Junior High School. When she retired in 1988, she was one of the original faculty at Mountain View High School.

Dorothy was one of the founding board members of the Cascade Child Treatment Center, one of the first presidents of the Bend Education Association, a SMART volunteer, and a member of PEO, League of Women Voters, Allied Arts, Oregon Women’s Trail Riders, and a member of the Bend Golf Club since 1961. Dorothy was elected and served a four-year term on the board of Bend Parks and Recreation. She also volunteered at the Deschutes Historical Museum’s annual holiday bazaar and bake sale.

She enjoyed sewing, cooking, hiking, golf, wildflowers, birds, antiques and travel.

She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer of Redmond; and son, Steve of Bend, sister, Mary of La Grande; several brothers and sisters in-law, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

At this time, no service will be held. Memorial donations can be made to Deschutes Humane Society or the Deschutes Historical Museum.

George W. Shackelford II

February 24, 1946 - July 6, 2018

George W. Shackelford II, “Shack”, passed away July 6, 2018, while in the care of Hospice House in Bend, Oregon. George was born February 24, 1946, in Omaha, Nebraska, to George and Wilma Shackelford. He was 72 years old.

George graduated from San Juan High School in Citrus Heights, California, in 1964; earning a BS in Forestry from Oregon State University; and a Masters in Psychology from the College of William and Mary. He served in the Army during the Vietnam war, and settled in Bend, Oregon, in 1979. He married his wife, Joanne, in 1987 and worked as a child and family therapist throughout central Oregon.

George is survived by his wife, Joanne (Sisters); stepsons, Jeramy Cummings (Bend), Brian Cummings (Bend); grandchildren, Brenna Cummings, Andrew Cummings, and Addison Cummings; and sister, Linda Mandere (Redding, California).

George spent many hours in his retirement volunteering at the Deschutes Historical Society, Sisters Rodeo Assoc., and as a director of the Deschutes County Fair. But his favorite time was spent as a volunteer coach with the Sisters Outlaw football team for the last 14 years.

Memorial donations may be made to the George Shackelford Football Scholarship Fund being established through the Sisters Football team, or to Partners In Care/Hospice House in Bend, Oregon. Please visit the online registry for the family at www.niswonger-reynolds.com.
Deschutes Historical Museum to Host Speaker for “Bigfoot Bolt and Brews Tour” Saturday, August 11, 2018

What could be more Pacific Northwest than an event which involves beer, running, and Bigfoot? Welcome the “Bigfoot Bolt and Brews Tour”, a one-day event where bigfoot experts and beer meet. This event connects people to the bigfoot culture and showcases local breweries while raising funds to promote primate conservation.

Saturday’s activities feature Bigfoot experts presenting at McMenamins, Deschutes Brewery, and Deschutes Historical Museum. Speakers include Cliff Barackman of Animal Planet’s “Finding Bigfoot”; The Olympic Project featuring Shane Corson; Marc Myrsell, an expert on the Ape Canyon incident; Guy Edwards of Bigfoot Lunch Club and Brain Jar Media; and Todd and Diane Neiss of The American Primate Conservancy. Additionally (naturally), brewmasters will feature specially crafted brews in honor of the event. Limited tickets are on sale at Eventbrite.com.

Mark Your Calendars

AUGUST

3  LOUIE LOUIE REVIVAL
   5-10 p.m. Bend Beaver Coaches, 62955 Boyd Acres Rd.

4  BEND HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI MEET AND GREET PICNIC
   11 a.m.-2 p.m. Deschutes Historical Museum

4  HERITAGE WALKING TOUR: Architectural Tour
   10:30 a.m. Deschutes Historical Museum

11 BIGFOOT BOLT AND BREWS TOUR

11 HERITAGE WALKING TOUR: Early Days of Bend
   10:30 a.m. Deschutes Historical Museum

18 HERITAGE WALKING TOUR: Architectural Tour
   10:30 a.m. Deschutes Historical Museum

25 HERITAGE WALKING TOUR: Early Days of Bend
   10:30 a.m. Deschutes Historical Museum

28 HISTORY PUB: 100 Years of St. Charles
   McMenamins Old St. Francis
   Father Luke Room, 7 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m.
   Presentation by Todd Shields and Rick Martin
   First-come-first-served seating, no reservations required.

31 LITTLE WOODY AGED CIDER, BEER, AND WHISKEY FESTIVAL
   5 p.m.-10 p.m. Deschutes Historical Museum

Sept 1 LITTLE WOODY CONT’D: Noon-10 p.m. (open to children, Noon-6 p.m.)